



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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December 02, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 December 2, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF:
ONE (1) TRACTOR DRAWN QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS, ONE (1) STRAIGHT
CHASSIS QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS, TWELVE (12) PUMPER-TYPE FIRE
APPARATUS, ONE (1) ALL-WHEEL DRIVE WILDLAND PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS, AND
ONE (1) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE FIRE APPARATUS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District (District) of Los Angeles County is requesting approval for the acquisition of: one (1) tractor drawn quint-type aerial ladder apparatus which cost approximately \$1.1 million, one (1) straight chassis quint-type aerial ladder apparatus which cost approximately \$1 million, twelve (12) pumper-type fire apparatus which costs approximately \$480,000 each, one (1) all-wheel drive wildland pumper-type fire apparatus which cost approximately \$360,000, and one (1) hazardous materials response fire apparatus which costs approximately \$700,000. The total combined apparatus purchase is approximately \$9 million. These purchases exceed the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and require your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the tag-on acquisition of one (1) tractor drawn quint-type aerial ladder apparatus from KME Fire Apparatus, RFB-IS-14201123, Purchase Order # PO-FR-14323611-1.

2. Approve the District's request and authorize ISD as the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one (1) straight chassis quint-type aerial ladder apparatus.
3. Approve the District's request and authorize ISD as the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of twelve (12) pumper-type fire apparatus.
4. Approve the District's request and authorize ISD as the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one (1) all-wheel drive wildland pumper-type fire apparatus.
5. Approve the District's request and authorize ISD as the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one (1) hazardous materials response fire apparatus.
6. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District has a 20-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus provides the ability to perform as both a fire suppression pumper and aerial ladder truck. Tractor drawn quint-type aerial ladder apparatus articulate between the tractor and trailer and are steerable from both the front and rear for improved maneuverability. While a straight chassis only steers from the front and is less maneuverable, it is shorter in length and allows for secure housing in a smaller fire station. A pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities. An all-wheel drive wildland pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities for the rugged off-highway terrain of Catalina Island. A hazardous materials response fire apparatus provides identification, control, and abatement due to discharge of hazardous materials and emergency medical response capabilities. Acquiring these apparatus will allow us to maintain our current apparatus replacement schedule.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14, your Board approved the solicitation and purchase of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus. RFB-IS-14201123 was awarded to KME Fire Apparatus who has agreed to extend the pricing for the tag-on purchase of one (1) additional tractor drawn quint-type aerial ladder apparatus.

The new apparatus will have enclosed cabs, improved firefighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines, allowing us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by maximizing the effectiveness of and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Goal #2, Community Support and Responsiveness, by providing enhanced services; Goal #3, Integrated Service Delivery, by maximizing opportunities to improve client and community outcomes and leveraging resources by

providing multi-tasked emergency apparatus to support public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Total combined estimated cost for all apparatus purchase is \$9,000,000. The total estimated cost of one tractor drawn quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is approximately \$1,118,000. The total estimated cost of one straight chassis quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is approximately \$1,000,000. The total estimated cost of twelve pumper-type fire apparatus is approximately \$5,760,000. The total estimated cost of one all-wheel drive wildland pumper-type fire apparatus is \$360,000. The total estimated cost of one hazardous materials response fire apparatus is \$700,000. The District has allocated sufficient funds for these purchases in FY 2014-15.

The maintenance of the apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) requirements have changed dramatically; therefore, the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and updated to meet the new NFPA requirements.

County Code, Section 2.81.950, C, provides that the Purchasing Agent may award on the basis of a prior bid or last price, if the conditions of purchase are similar. KME Fire Apparatus has agreed to extend the prior bid price per unit for the quint-type aerial apparatus, at the same terms and conditions of the previous acquisitions RFB-IS-14201123.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of these apparatus is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The new apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient, and cost effective manner.

CONCLUSION

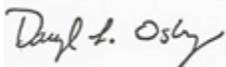
Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: Denise Duke, Division Chief

2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Fleet Services Division
1104 North Eastern Avenue, Door #26
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Craig Weeks, Division Chief

3. Internal Services Department
Purchasing & Contracts Service
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Gerald Plummer, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,



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County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Service Department